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Computational Science 260

Midterm Exam

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Marks

1. Use a truth table to prove that $(P \wedge Q_1) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$ is logically equivalent to $(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$. 15

P	Q ₁	Q ₂	$P \wedge Q_1$	$\neg P \wedge Q_2$	$(P \wedge Q_1) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$	$P \Rightarrow Q_1$	$\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2$	$(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	T	F	F

Same, therefore equivalent.

2. Children dance at nursery school, and each child has exactly one partner. Let $P(x, y)$ be true of x is the partner of y , or if y is the partner of x . Express the fact that each child has exactly one partner in predicate calculus. 12

$$\forall x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge \forall z (P(x, z) \Rightarrow x = y))$$

3. Given $\forall y(P(y) \vee Q(y))$ and $\exists x \neg P(x)$, give a derivation to show $\exists x Q(x)$. 14

$$\forall y (P(y) \vee Q(y)), \exists x \neg P(x) \vdash \exists x Q(x)$$

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| 1. $\forall y (P(y) \vee Q(y))$ | Premise |
| 2. $\exists x \neg P(x)$ | Premise |
| 3. $\neg P(a)$ | 2, EI |
| 4. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$ | 1, $\forall x$ |
| 5. $Q(a)$ | 3, 4, D.S. |
| 6. $\exists x Q(x)$ | 5, EG |

4. Let P stand for "The new year starts October 21", Q for "4 is even" and R for "Canada is a tropical country". Assign the appropriate truth values to all these propositions. Translate $(P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R)$ into English. Moreover, find the truth value of this expression. 12

The new year starts in Oct. 25 and 4 is even,
or 4 is even implies Canada is a tropical country

P : The new year starts Oct. 25: F
 Q : 4 is even: T
 R : Canada is a tropical country: F

$$\begin{array}{c} (P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R) \\ \begin{array}{cc} F & F \end{array} \\ \hline F \end{array} \quad \text{Statement false}$$

5. Consider the following Prolog data base

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abc(X,Y) :- cde(X,U), efg(V,U), hij(V,Y).  
cde(a,b).  
cde(a,c).  
efg(d,b).  
efg(h,c).  
hij(h,b).
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Suppose the query is `abc(a,b)`. Trace the execution of the query `abc(a,b)`. The trace should indicate in which order the different goals are attempted, together with an indication whether or not they succeed. Use S for succeed and F for fail.

TRACE

abc(a,b)

*cde(a,b) S
efg(d,b) S
hij(d,b) F
efg(h,b) F
cde(a,c) S
efg(h,c) S
hij(h,b) S
abc(a,b) S*

*for details
to !!*

6. In a Prolog data base, there is a fact for each English word, indicating whether it is a noun, a verb, an article, and so on. For instance, there is a fact `noun(dog)` to indicate that "dog" is a noun, there is a fact `verb(run)` to indicate that "run" is a verb, and there is a fact `article(the)` to indicate that "the" is an article. Design a rule `sentence(X, Y, Z)` which must succeed if X is an article, Y is a noun,

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and Z is a verb.

Sentence $(X, Y, Z) :- \text{article}(X), \text{noun}(Y), \text{verb}(Z),$

7. Let A be a set, and let $\#A$ be the number of elements in the set. 10

Show that $\#(A \cup B) \leq \#A + \#B$. Moreover, give an example where

$\#(A \cup B) = \#A + \#B$.

Elements appearing in both A and B
are counted twice in $\#A + \#B$, but only
once in $\#(A \cup B)$.

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{4\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

- ✓ 8. Let $f(n) = 2 - f(n-1)/2$, with $f(0) = 0$. Find $f(3)$ by replacing $f(m)$ 12
with a proper expression.

$$f(3) = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - f(1)/2}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - (2 - f(0)/2)/2}{2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{2 - (2)/2}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$$

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